

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

12th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, August 16, 2011

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission
Hearing Room - 8th Floor
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903**

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on July 19, 2011.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) Marjorie F. Frank, a member of the Charlestown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is required to recuse from the Town Council's consideration of indemnification

requests by various Town elected and appointed officials, including the Petitioner, relating to charges of discrimination pending before the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission.

b.) Gregory J. Avedisian, a member of the Charlestown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is required to recuse from the Town Council's consideration of indemnification requests by various Town elected and appointed officials, including the Petitioner, relating to charges of discrimination pending before the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission.

c.) John J. Iglioizzi, Esq., a member of the Providence City Council, who is also a member of the Providence Board of Contract and Supply, seeks an advisory opinion as to whether he may participate in the Board of Contract and Supply's decision to rescind a contract awarded to So Fresh and So Clean, LLC, which recently filed a lawsuit against all of the City Council members in their official capacities, including the Petitioner, relating to said contract.

d.) Louis A. Cerbo, Ed.D., a licensed clinical psychologist, who has accepted an offer of employment as the Clinical Director (Psychologist) for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from continuing to provide consulting services, in his private capacity, to another state agency as an independent contractor.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on July 19, 2011.

b.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

5. Staff/Legal Counsel's analysis of, and Commission discussion regarding, constitutional issues raised by receipt of request for rulemaking regarding candidates for public office who seek and obtain a collective bargaining unit's endorsement.

6. Commission discussion of and potential vote to initiate rulemaking process on proposed draft regulations re: Participation in employee contract negotiations.

7. Financial Disclosure Online Filing Update.

8. Commission discussion re: Proposed changes to Commission meeting schedule.

9. Follow-up on Collection Actions.

10. Motion to approve minutes of Regulation Subcommittee's June 7, 2011 meeting.

11. Director's Report.

a.) Docket Status Update.

b.) Personnel.

12. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.

13. Adjournment.

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